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Cathy Russel
Director, Office of Presidential Personnel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Michael Regan
Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Director Russel and Administrator Nominee Regan:

I am writing to express my strong support for (b) (6) for the role of Region 2 Administrator for the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection.

My office has had the pleasure of working with (b) (6) in his role as (b) (6). We have found him to be knowledgeable, helpful, and straightforward in communicating with our team. (b) (6) has an impressive background on environmental issues over the course of the last decade. He has worked with numerous environmental organizations in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District on a variety of issues, including the continued protection of the New Jersey Highlands, lead remediation in some of our state's most densely populated communities, and contaminated sites such as those in Pompton Lakes.

As a (b) (6) he has traveled all over the state to hear directly from community members and key stakeholders, often participating in meetings with the EPA on issues important to their communities. As a result, he has considerable experience in organizing and building coalitions and strategic partnerships. In particular, he has an impressive record of addressing issues of equity and Environmental Justice, often working with low-income communities and communities of color, who face disproportionate impacts of pollution. He has deservedly earned the support of every major environmental organization in the state of New Jersey.

It has been over a decade since a (b) (6) resident has held the post of Region 2 Administrator, and I could not think of a more well qualified candidate to serve in this role than (b) (6). I appreciate your consideration of him for this position. Feel free to follow up with my office regarding any questions about his candidacy.

Sincerely,



Mikie Sherrill
Member of Congress